



FAQs for Primitive Rural Hunting Cabins

Per 2017 Wisconsin Act 59

Q: What exactly is defined as a “primitive rural hunting cabin?”

A: Wis. Stat. §101.61(3) defines a primitive rural hunting cabin satisfying all of the following:

- (a) The structure is not used as a home or residence.
- (b) The structure is used principally for recreational hunting activity.
- (c) The structure does not exceed 2 stories in height.
- (d) The structure satisfies any of the following:
 1. The structure was constructed before December 31, 1997.
 2. The structure results from alterations made to a structure described in subd. 1.
 3. The structure replaces a structure described in subd. 1.

Q: Can local codes apply to primitive rural hunting cabins?

A: Wis. Stat. §101.65(1g) of the Wisconsin statutes was created under the 2017 Wisconsin Act 59 indicating municipalities may not exercise jurisdiction over the construction or inspection of primitive rural hunting cabins meeting the criteria of Wis. Stat. §101.61(3).

Q: Are new primitive rural hunting cabins exempted from the UDC?

A: Only if the new structure meets all the criteria established in Wis. Stat. §101.61(3).

Q: Are there any size requirements for a primitive rural hunting cabin?

A: No, there is no square foot limitation; however the structure cannot exceed 2 stories in height.